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News Update

Army birthday

The Army Birthday Celebration is 10 a.m. **Wednesday** in Conrad Hall.

For information call John Pitts at (706) 791-9536.

Change of command

Capt. Sean Filipowski will assume command of the Navy Information Operations Command Georgia at a change of command ceremony 9 a.m. **today** at Barton Field.

Vice Adm. James McArthur, commander of Naval Network Warfare Command will preside over the ceremony.

Memorial Marker

A Blue Star Memorial Marker will be dedicated at 1:30 p.m., **Wednesday** in a ceremony at Freedom Park on Rice Road.

The marker is presented to Fort Gordon by the Augusta Council of Garden Clubs in coordination with the National Garden Clubs, Inc. to honor men and women in the armed forces of the United States of America.

The marker will be located at the main gate to Fort Gordon off the Gordon Highway.

The ceremony is open to the public.

CGSC graduation

The Command and General Staff College/Intermediate Level Education Class 06-002 will have its graduation ceremony in Alexander Hall at 10 a.m. **Friday**.

For more information, call Maj. Pauline Haughton at (706) 791-5540.

RecruitMilitary Career Fair

A RecruitMilitary Career Fair will be held at the Georgia International Convention Center from 11 a.m.-3 p.m. on **June 20**. The convention center is located in College Park, Ga. in the Greater Atlanta area.

The event is for veterans with a wide variety of work experience who are transitioning from active duty, members of the National Guard and reserves and military spouses.

For information, visit www.recruitmilitary.com.

POW luncheon

Retired Lt.Col. Barry Bridger, an F-4 pilot who was shot down over North Vietnam, will speak at a joint AUSA/AFCEA/SCRA luncheon at 11:30 a.m. on **June 22** at the Gordon Club.

Cost is \$10 for military and \$15 for all others.

For information, call (706)

New medical support center coming

Charmain Z. Brackett
Contributing writer

On the first anniversary of their change of command, Maj. Gen. Eric Schoomaker and Brig. Gen. Donald Bradshaw met for another momentous event.

Schoomaker, former commander of the Southeast Regional Medical Command and current commander of the U.S. Army Medical Research and Materiel Command, Fort Detrick, Md., signed a Memorandum of Agreement on June 2 for the support of a new unit under his command, the Advanced Medical Test Support Center. AMTSC will serve as a remote office of the Telemedicine and Advanced Technology Research Center a subordinate organization of MPMC, according to a news release.

"I'm excited about this,"

said Schoomaker. "We've been talking about this for a long time."

The MOA adds a new life to what was once known as the Center for Total Access.

"It was ahead of its time," said Schoomaker.

A decade ago when CTA started, the concepts of telemedicine and distance learning were in their infancy. Now they are vital to the Army's future.

Under the new agreement, AMTSC will test new technologies. It will work with other assets on post such as the Regional Training Site-Medical (RTS-Med) and the Battle Command Battle Lab.

Schoomaker said the AMTSC and TATRC will work well with the Signal Center and its mission.

"We need to be there right beside them. This makes every bit of sense," he said.



Photo by Charmain Z. Brackett

Maj. Gen. Eric Schoomaker, U. S. Army Medical Research and Materiel Command commander, Fort Detrick, Md., signs a Memorandum of Agreement on June 2 for support of a new unit under his command, the Advanced Medical Test Support Center, at Fort Gordon. Brig. Gen. Donald Bradshaw, Southeast Regional Medical Command and Dwight David Eisenhower Army Medical Center commander looks on.

Fort demonstrates zero drug tolerance stand

Bonnie Heater
Signal staff

The message is perfectly clear. There is zero tolerance for using or selling illegal drugs in today's Army.

Members of the 15th Signal Brigade woke before 5 a.m. May 31 to find themselves in the midst of an unexpected Health and Welfare inspection, referred to as "Operation Lassie," at Fort Gordon.

It was a coordinated effort of the director of emergency services and the 15th Sig. Bde, according to Lt. Col. Richard Karlsson, Director of Emergency Services for Fort Gordon. "We sent out a message to other major commands to get support for this search and we got positive responses. K-9 drug-detection teams from Fort Drum, NY; Fort Polk, La.; Fort Rucker, Ala; and Forts Belvoir and Myer in Va., sent their dogs and dog handlers to

assist us."

"We are serious about combating drug use on Fort Gordon," said Lt. Col. Dwayne Williams, deputy commander, 15th Sig. Bde.

During "Operation Lassie" a thorough search of barracks and privately owned vehicles was performed. In addition, a 100 percent urinalysis testing of the brigade was conducted.

"Operation Lassie was a success," said Lt. Col. Nello Thomas, commander of the 369th Signal Bn.

"This should demonstrate to all the Soldiers at Fort Gordon that you never know when this is going to happen," explained Williams.

"This is our way of making sure the right Soldiers are getting into our operational force. These are the ones who are technically and tactically proficient and well disciplined."

In accordance with Army Regulation 600-85, Army Substance Abuse Program, drug abuse will not be tolerated and there are serious consequences for such behavior. All Soldiers, to include members of the Army National Guard and Army Reserve, ordered to active duty, under Title 10, United States Code, who are identified as drug abusers, without exception, will be referred to the Army Substance Abuse program counseling center for screening. In addition, the Soldier will be considered for disciplinary action under the UCMJ, as appropriate, and be processed for administrative separation in accordance with AR 600-8-24 for officers and warrant officers and AR 635-200 for enlisted members.

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Lt. Col. Dwayne Williams
Deputy Commander,
15th Signal Brigade

Discharge for misconduct under AR 600-8-24 or AR 635-200, as appropriate, will be initiated and processed to the separation authority for all Soldiers involved in illegal trafficking, distribution, possession, use, or sale of illegal drugs. Soldiers will also be considered

ered for disciplinary action under the UCMJ, consistent with Chapter 6, AR 600-85 and Rule for Courts Marital 306, Military Court Martial, according to the website www.detrack.army.mil.

Following the nine-hour shutdown, the 15th Sig. Bde. commander conducted an out briefing and an awards presentation with the entire team. The following K-9 dog handlers received Army Achievement awards: Sgt. 1st Class Anthony Tyshaw, Spc. Joshua Sharpe, and Staff Sgts. Fred Williams. Additional K-9 dog handlers receiving the Army Achievement medals were Sgts. Sean McEntee, Chad Theriault, Shaun Ross, Matthew Fitting, and Heather Stephens. Nicholas Oberle, and Scott Rowe.

"We are recognizing the technical proficiency of the K-9 dog handlers on the team," said Williams. The dogs received toy grenades and the handlers received special clickers for use in training the dogs.

Members of the team receiving certificates of achievement were Harry Hernandez, Staff Sgt. James Price III, Spc. Lance Keese, and Sgts. Joshua Beckett, Russell Ciarke, Stacey Franczak, and Kahry Paschel.

Williams handed out specially-designed military police coins to Spcs. Cale Carlson and Marcus Cosby, Sgt. Jeremy Jones, Cpl. Matthew Soper, and Pvts. William Ely and Richard Davidson.



Photo by Bonnie Heater

K-9 dog handler Sgt. Chad Theriault and his dog Kimon search a privately owned vehicle for hidden illegal drugs during a massive operation at Fort Gordon May 31.

Col. Hanson assumes new command

Charmain Z. Brackett
Contributing writer

A second-generation Army dentist, Col. Larry Hanson will leave Fort Gordon for Fort Sam Houston in a few weeks.

He is scheduled to take over as commander of the U.S. Army Dental Command in a July 10 ceremony. No date has been scheduled yet for a change of command at Fort Gordon.

"I've had a fun time here," said Hanson, Southeastern Regional Dental Command and USA Dentac commander, who has been at Fort Gordon since July 2004.

In his position, Hanson has worked with Army dentists across the Southeast region and with the dental residents at Fort Gordon.

"It's been fun being able to visit all these places. I've been working with great folks. I'm going to miss working with the residents," he said.

Ten residents graduate today (June 9) in a 1:30 p.m. ceremony at Alexander Hall.

Hanson said he takes all of his Army experience

with him to his next post.

"I have the experience of working in clinics a majority of my career and teaching residents in FORSCOM (United States Forces Command) and TRADOC (Training and Doctrine Command)," he said.

In his next position, he will be able to "set some priorities and make sure policies work out to enable the trenches to do what is needed," he said.

Hanson followed somewhat in his father's footsteps by joining the Army. His father was an Army prosthodontist in World War II. Hanson's specialty is oral surgery.

"The Army has been good to me. It trained me and offered me opportunities my classmates in dental school had none of," he said. "I've been able to see the world and teach residents."

Hanson said he doesn't ever see himself working in a private practice although he has colleagues who "like to twist my arm" into joining them.

After his years in the Army are completed, Hanson said he sees himself working in an academic environment and putting his many years of teaching residents to work.

BG Macdonald assumes IMA directorship post

Melina Rodriguez
Belvoir Eagle staff writer

FORT BELVOIR, Va. – The directorship of the U.S. Army Installation Management Agency changed hands May 30 in a ceremony on the front steps of Fort Belvoir’s Abbot Hall.

Maj. Gen. Michael Rochelle relinquished the duties he’s held since Nov. 1, 2005, to Brig. Gen. John A. Macdonald.

“I think [Rochelle] united the staff and encouraged everyone he met to give 100 percent,” said Jack Anderson, director of religious education at IMA.

Rochelle, who has been in the military for 34 years, is leaving IMA to become the Army’s Deputy chief of staff, G-1.

Lt. Gen. James Campbell, director of the Army staff, hosted the ceremony and introduced Rochelle and Macdonald.

“If one were to review all of the accomplishments of Maj. Gen. Rochelle they would see how he nurtured the organization,” said Campbell.

Rochelle’s accomplishments are numerous. As IMA director, he was responsible for oversight of 179 Army installations. During his tenure, Rochelle oversaw a period of change which was marked by the common levels of support and the standard garrison organization, which contribute to more effective and efficient installations.

“He focused on resources and doing the



Courtesy photo

Brig. Gen. John Macdonald took command of the Installation Management Agency May 30.

right thing,” said Arnie Cole, chief of Morale, Welfare and Recreation for IMA.

Rochelle expressed gratitude to the IMA employees who helped him achieve success.

“I am honored to have represented the colors of this agency,” said Rochelle.

In his speech, Campbell looked to

IMA’s future under Macdonald with optimism.

“He is the ideal pick for IMA,” said Campbell. “He has a general love for Soldiers and their families.”

IMA employees look forward to working under Macdonald.

“He’s been on the level of the people we’re supposed to be taking care of,” said Elaine Durden-Hunter, strategic planner with IMA. “He will bring a hands-on type of experience.”

The ceremony ended with Macdonald’s bright outlook for the future of IMA.

“I look forward to serving in this position,” said Macdonald, who is joining IMA after serving as the commanding general of U.S. Army Community and Family Support Center. Before his assignment at CFSC, Macdonald served as the director of the Korea Region of IMA at Yongsan Army Garrison, South Korea, from

July 2002 to December 2004. Macdonald is IMA’s fourth director since it was established in October 2002.

Macdonald graduated from the U.S. Military Academy in 1979, and holds master’s degrees from Central Michigan University and the Naval War College.

Fort Gordon gets first RF scanners

Bonnie Heater
Signal staff

The Installation Transportation Office here installed interrogators, or radio frequency scanners, at gates one, three and five for the first time to monitor shipments arriving and departing the installation.

“We put in the system May 25,” said Ronald Price, Fort Gordon’s Installation Transportation officer. “Gate three will be the primary gate used for tractor trailers entering the post. Gates one and five will be our back up entry points.”

According to Price, the Department of the Army is funding the installation of the system. “It is a joint venture with the Fort Gordon’s transportation office and UNISYS Corporation.”

The system, known as radio frequency identification, is an automatic identification method relying on storing and remotely retrieving data using devices called RFID tags or transponders. An RFID tag is a small object that can be attached to or incorporated into a product, animal, person or, in this case, a container, which will be loaded onto a tractor-trailer, according to Wikipedia, free encyclopedia.

The RF tags can be attached anywhere on a container, according to Henry Pitts, a unit movement control monitor for the transportation office. “Inside the container an inventory list will be placed prior to shipment.”

RFID tags contain silicon chips and antennas that enable them to receive and respond to radio frequency queries from an RFID transceiver. Passive tags require no internal power source, whereas active tags require a power source, according to the www.en.wikipedia.org website.

“We can use the RF scanners on any mobilization of equipment in 20 or 40 foot containers,” Price said. “We can put a RF tag on a container, scan it, upload to a satellite and track its whereabouts anywhere on or off post.”

According to Price, RF readers can be found on major highways like Interstate-20, I-95, and I-25, truck weigh stations and overhangs on interstates. RF tag readers up link information from a satellite.

“With this system we now know when a container arrives at port to be put on board a ship headed for Iraq or Afghanistan,” he explained. “It’s not

real time, but close to real time where the vehicle is located. The system will give us global capability.

“Once the system is operational we will know what containers will be coming on and off Fort Gordon, especially those going directly to the units,” he explained. “Before we installed this system we had no way of knowing when long haulers (trucks) entered the post and went right straight to the units to unload supplies and equipment.”

According to Kelly Clarke, the new supervisor for the Fort Gordon freight office, the system will give us a better accountability of what comes and goes on post. “It will cut down on duplication of orders and save money for the installation,” she explained.

UNISYS will be setting up a class in the next few weeks to train freight personnel, unit movement control officers, and Fort Gordon’s unit movement control monitors, Henry Pitts and James Fleming.

“Unit movement control officers assist us with mobilizations,” explained Pitts.

Several corporations such as Wal-Mart and DHL, and now the military, use RF tags to track shipped supplies and equipment.



Photo by Bonnie Heater

Henry Pitts, a unit movement control monitor for the Installation Transportation Office here, demonstrates how the SAVI docking station for the radio frequency tags will be set up. The RFID tags are new to the installation.

Camp builds confidence

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Rappelling down the five-story tall tower was a little scary for Durrell Palmer.

“I was a little bit nervous,” said Palmer, a Naval JROTC cadet from Glenn Hills High School, after he set his feet back on the ground on June 3.

About 125 JROTC cadets from eight Richmond and Columbia County high schools participated in the annual Camp Semaphore last week at various locations at Fort Gordon.

“Cadets from all over get to meet other cadets,” said Command Sgt. Maj. Noel Cartagena, command sergeant major for Camp Semaphore.

During the three-day camp, cadets learned different aspects of being in the military. They took part in classes on land navigation, first aid, water safety and drill and ceremony. Also, they rappelled and went down a zip line.

“It teaches you a lot,” said Christian Farrow, a rising senior at Hephzibah High School, who attended her second Camp Semaphore this year.

Cartagena said the best cadets in the schools were selected to participate in the camp.

“This is the culminating event for the whole year,” he said.

Many cadets said the most fun part of the three days is rappelling; however, for some, it was one of the hardest parts of the week. For Robin Roberts, a rising Hephzibah High School junior, it was hard to make it down that wall.



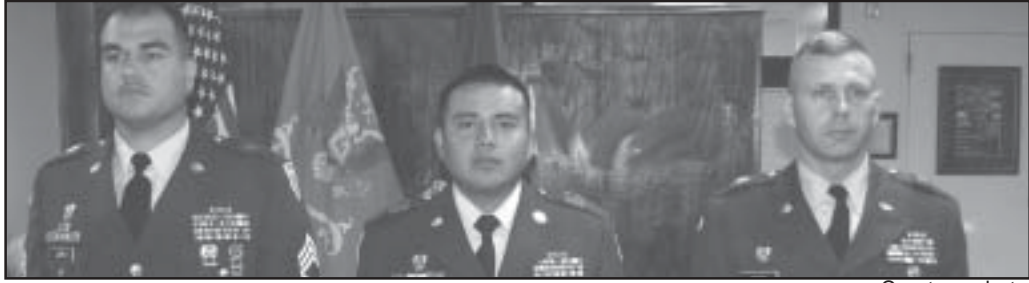
Photos by Charmain Z. Brackett

(Above) Lt. Odell Dotson shouts to Durrell Palmer of Glenn Hills High School as he rappels down the tower near Youth Challenge Academy. (Right) Robin Roberts, a rising junior at Hephzibah High School, was afraid of heights before she took on the rappel tower at Camp Semaphore last week. She completed the event successfully.



Cartagena assured her that with all the safety wires and people below to guide her down, she would not fall, and she would not get hurt.

Although it took her some time to muster the courage, she didn’t take the stairs back to the bottom, but rappelled down the tower. “It was exciting,” she said after she made it safely down. “Fear is a thing you have; it’s something you can get over and can do it,” she said.



Courtesy photo

Outstanding graduates

The Signal Basic Noncommissioned Officer Course graduated class 25Q019 on May 25. Receiving outstanding graduate recognition are *(left to right)*: distinguished graduate Staff Sgt. Anthony L. Lopez, 313th Signal Company, Fort Hood, Texas; honor graduate Sgt. Paxston Buck, B Company 327th Signal Battalion, Fort Bragg N.C.; and leadership awardee Staff Sgt. Darren Gross, C Company 115th Signal Battalion, Moulton, Ala.

Housing contractor information update

Harry Bloomer
Project Director

This past week officially marked the end of GMH Military Housing’s first month of family housing operations here at Fort Gordon. All in all, we are off to a good start! We have major improvements slated for on-post housing this year, which include renovation, demolition and new construction activities. Additionally, we are looking to improve the everyday quality of living for our on-post military families.

We appreciate the feedback received from our residents, and because of this valuable input, we are making our operations more efficient.

Off to a Good Start

We have already added fresh paint to all of the neighborhood bus stops and currently, are in negotiations with a company to provide improvements to all of our existing outdoor basketball courts and playgrounds.

Many of our families have inquired about how to initiate work orders via our family housing website. In the following days, each family will receive a pass code to access our maintenance work order link.

Additionally, to get more information about upcoming events and activities planned for GMH Military Housing families, please visit our website www.ftgordonfamilyhousing.com.

We look forward to having you and your family as residents and stand behind our mission of being Helpful, Open-minded, Motivated, and Ethical!

Weekly Landscaping

Gordon Terrace– Monday & Tuesday
Olive & Maglin Terrace– Wednesday
Boardman Lake & McNair Terrace– Thursday
Friday is used as a make-up day.

Trash Pickup Schedule

Wednesday-Boardman Lake, Maglin, Olive and McNair Terrace

Thursday-Gordon Terrace

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Bulk Trash

1st & 3rd Wednesday of each month-Boardman Lake, Maglin, Olive and McNair Terrace.

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All recyclables must be dropped off at the Fort Gordon Recycling Center located on Chamberlain Avenue in Building 997.

Question & Answer Corner

Question:*What are GMH Military Housing families supposed to do with our yard waste?*

Answer: Now that GMH Military Housing has taken over most of your landscaping responsibilities, families should have less yard waste to dispose. However, if you do have yard waste, please bag it like regular trash and place it in your trash receptacle for regular trash pickup. You may also drop your yard waste off at the Fort Gordon “mulch site,” located on Range Road.

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Community Events

Army birthday

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Men in aprons

Fort Gordon's Directorate of Morale, Welfare & Recreation is having its first ever "Men In Aprons" cook-off from 6-8 p.m. **Saturday** at the Gordon Club.

Categories include main dishes, meats, appetizers, desserts and soul food.

Spectators will enjoy an evening of live jazz, taste samplings and the chance to win door prizes. Tickets are \$10 and can be purchased in advance or at the door. For information, call Lawrence Jackson at (706) 791-6780.

Changes of command

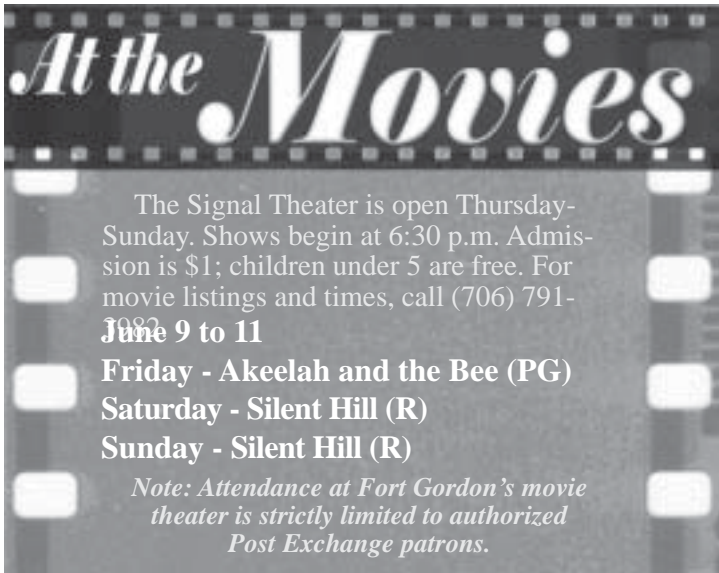
The 551st Signal Battalion change of command is 8 a.m. **June 27** at Barton Field.

Outgoing commander Lt. Col. Michael Shillinger will relinquish command to Lt. Col. Jeanne Hutchinson. Call (706) 791-6217 for information.

The 369th Signal Battalion change of command will be held at 8 a.m. on Barton Field **June 20**. Lt. Col. Nelo Thomas will relinquish command to Lt. Col. Ralph Higgins.

Recruiting event

Chenega Federal Systems is holding a recruiting event at the ACAP center from 10 a.m.-4 p.m. on **Tuesday**. For more information or a list of job openings visit www.chenegafederal.com or contact Gerald Jackson at



(703) 493-9880 or e-mail gerald.jackson@chenegafederal.com.

Howard at (706) 855-0099.

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Reservations must be made by **June 19**. For more information, call Brenda

Charity pageant

Stars over Georgia Beauty Pageant will hold a Back-to-School event at 1 p.m. at the Aiken Mall on **July 15**. No experience or pageant attire required. Prizes include two \$100 savings bonds, golden star tiaras, crowns, scepters, satin sashes, certificates and flowers. This pageant partially benefits the St. Jude's Children's Hospital.

Registration forms available at the Aiken Mall. For more information, call Dee Evans at (706) 651-1852.

Juneteenth

The African American Association of Augusta celebrates Juneteenth from noon-6 p.m. **June 17** at Pendleton King Park in Augusta.

Activities include singing, games, storytelling, food and fun. The event is free and open to the public. For information, contact Barbara Franklin at (803) 279-1254.

Amnesty day

There is an amnesty day for

military ammunition only from 7:30 a.m.-2 p.m. **Thursday** at the Ammunition Supply Point.

Anyone in possession of military ammunition may turn it in during this time with no questions asked.

For information call Tom Burchfield at (706) 791-2908.

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DCPDS training

Army Regional Tools and Defense Civilian Personnel Data System 11i training for managers and administration points of contact personnel will be held **June 20, Sept. 28** and **Oct. 26**. The training will be conducted by Donna Anderson at Brant Hall, Building 25810 in Room 103.

Registration must be completed two weeks in advance.

For more information, e-mail andersod@gordon.army.mil.

FEW meeting

The Federally Employed Women's organization will meet in the Magnolia Room at the Gordon Club **Wednesday** at 11:30 a.m.

The guest speaker will be Carolyn Ellis, a human resources assistant at Darling Hall, who will present an in-depth talk on the Thrift Savings Plan.

For more information, call

Around town

Charmain Z. Brackett

Contributing writer

DEATHTRAP

Marcia Harris will be looking for the audience reactions as the Aiken Community Playhouse stages Deathtrap beginning this weekend.

"At the first plot twist, there should be an audible suck in sound," said Harris, who is directing the Ira Levin thriller. "I think this cast does it right."

Harris said the reason the audience should be gasping early on is that Levin lulls his audience into thinking the plot is predictable, but predictable, it's not.

The plot centers on a successful playwright who is having an extended dry spell. When he receives a promising script from a student, he hopes for a collaboration; however, the name of the play isn't "Deathtrap" by chance.

"This play is extremely physical," said Harris.

Drew Davis plays the established playwright Sidney Bruhl.

"This is the most well-crafted play," said Davis.

There are "superb characters," exciting plot twists and great dialogue, he said.

The Playhouse will present Deathtrap at 8 p.m. today and Friday also 16, 17, 23 and 24 and 3 p.m. June 18.

Tickets are \$17 for adults, \$15 for senior citizens 60 years-old and older, \$12 for students and \$6 for children 12 and under. For more information, call (803) 648-1438.

SATURDAY MARKET

On spring or summer Saturday mornings, a side street in downtown Augusta becomes an open-air market.

"It looks like a European market," said Jennifer Walden, Saturday Market on Broad coordinator.

Held from 8 a.m. to noon Saturdays

through August, the market is on Macartan Street between Broad and Reynolds Streets. Numerous vendors set up tables and sell a wide variety of wares.

There's the bread man with his multiple fresh-baked loaves, the "Cantaloupe Queen" sells her cantaloupe pies by the slice; and there's the "fresh-squeezed lemonade" stand.

At the New Life Natural Foods table, Mitchell Waters serves organic coffee and organic muffins, while the vendor next to him makes up fresh omelets while you wait.

Fresh produce abounds.

One vendor picked peaches the night before setting up his early morning produce booth, according to Walden.

The produce drew Katie Driver downtown on the hot summer-like Saturday recently.

Many patrons come just for the fresh produce said Walden.

In addition to the food vendors, there are some who sell plants and fresh cut flowers.

Travis Dixon recently opened The Greenhouse in Hephzibah and brought some of his hanging baskets and other plants to the market to gain exposure for his business.

"Hopefully, people will start coming out," he said.

Several crafts vendors also bring out items such as candles which are shaped like and smell like pies and other confections.

Besides all the vendors, entertainment is scheduled during the morning.

Street magicians provide entertainment for children and children at heart, and each week, a different special event is planned.

This weekend, the first of three iron chef competitions will be held. Winners of the June 3 and July 29 contests will face off for a final competition on Aug. 26.

Other special events include Celtic music on June 17, kids day on July 15 and ice cream social day on Aug. 5.

Viewpoint

INFORMATION, OPINIONS AND COMMENTARY

Developing leaders can use water or gas

Lt. Col. David Bobb
36th Medical Operations Squadron

ANDERSEN AIR FORCE BASE, Guam — If you view yourself as a leader, take a moment to think about the people closest to you in your organization and what you are doing to develop those individuals.

I'm not talking about ensuring they complete their career development course or on-the-job training, but do you have a game plan for them? Are they growing and do they share your vision?

Most importantly, what are you doing to develop them into leaders? I mean real leaders, not just those who may be positional leaders.

One of your most important duties and greatest opportunities is to develop the leaders around you. If you think about it, not only is this beneficial to our Air Force and the person you are developing, it's equally important to you. One thing I've seen repeatedly is that those closest to the leader will determine the success level of that leader. Likewise, they can determine the level of failure. With that in mind, consider the following.

First, what kind of leader are you? When there's a problem in your unit, a "fire" so to speak, many times you, as the leader, are the first on scene. When you arrive, you have a bucket in each hand. In one bucket is water, and in the other gasoline.

The fire before you will either become a greater problem because you poured the gasoline on it, or it will be extinguished because you used the water. Which bucket do you think those closest to you see you using? More importantly, are you training them to use the bucket of gasoline or the bucket of water?

Now you may think it really doesn't matter because even if you use the gasoline, the fire will eventually burn out. However, look at the time and resources consumed, as well as the toll on people it may take to get to that point. How do you think those closest to you feel when the gasoline is poured on every little spark?

It's imperative you model the leadership traits you want to develop in others. You are the one they focus on and you are the one they will follow. If you put out fires with water, they will, too. They will become a leader in their own right who extinguishes fires with water, and over time, you will know you can depend on them to bring a second bucket of water instead of gasoline.

Second, lead with your vision and instill it in others. Some leaders forget to build and share a vision because they are too busy managing. It's extremely easy to get caught up in meeting suspenses, writing reports and culling data without ever looking at the bigger picture. In other words, leaders need to ask, "Why are we doing this?" and "How does this fit into the goals and vision I have for this

own vision. An effective vision provides guidance and gives direction to a unit or organization.

This direction cannot come from Air Force instructions, policy manuals or organizational charts. It must be developed, shared and modeled by the leader. Subsequently, as you model and share your vision, those around you will embrace it, too. As you develop the leaders around you, they will note that an effective vision can transform your organization.

Lastly, be sure your vision is big enough. Leaders with small visions never accomplish truly great things. Oh, they may get a line on a performance report, but in time, that line becomes meaningless. Perhaps the best example of a man with a large vision goes something like this:

unit?"

If you don't take time to create and share a vision, then anyone's vision will do and everyone will have his

Once upon a time, a traveler paused to rest in a small town. He saw an old man sitting on a bench in front of the only store in town and decided to sit next to him. After exchanging pleasantries, the traveler asked the old man, "You look like you have lived here your entire life. Can you tell me something this town is noted for?" After a brief pause, the old man replied, "Oh, I don't know, except it's the starting point to the world. You can start here and go anywhere in the world you want." Now that's a man with a large vision!

One of our greatest challenges as leaders is to create a similar vision in both ourselves and our Airmen. This means a vision that is big, that may take some time to achieve, but has the power to transform lives.

People may be unaware they are in such an environment and fail to take advantage of it, but you can help them realize that wherever they are, it can be their starting point to the world. True leaders will recognize this and create opportunities for growth as they build the leaders around them.

Feedback...

By Bonnie Heater

What makes a good leader?

A good leader is someone who can motivate people.
Pfc. Randy Waterman
The Old Guard Fife and Drum Corps

A good leader is someone who can lead by example and relate well to the troops.
Staff Sgt. Matthew Ferraro
The Old Guard Fife and Drum Corps

A good leader is someone who communicates, listens to his or her Soldiers, and always does his or her best.
Sgt. 1st Class Susan Moser
The Old Guard Fife and Drum Corps

A good leader has to know the objectives of the group. They must be able to guide and lead the troops.
Staff Sgt. Chad Parsons
The Old Guard Fife and Drum Corps

A good leader is someone who can give punishment without making it personal and who is fair.
Staff Sgt. Melvin Lauf
The Old Guard Fife and Drum Corps

A good leader is a person who provides direction and takes care of the Soldiers while being able to motivate them to complete the mission to the best of their ability.
Master Sgt. Glen Patton
The Old Guard Fife and Drum Corps

Private Murphy

By Mark Baker

‘Comedy central’

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Engineers prepare New Orleans for hurricane season

Katisha Draughn
Army News Service

WASHINGTON – When Chris Gilmore returned to his hometown, the “Big Easy,” after Hurricane Katrina, he stepped into a flooded, devastated world.

Operations chief for Joint Task Force Guardian, Gilmore deployed to New Orleans, La., with the Corps of Engineers to help rebuild the disaster-struck city.

“It’s sad to see the place you grew up in and loved have this much damage,” Gilmore said.

“It’s awful to see family and friends lose their homes and belongings.”

Hurricane Katrina approached New Orleans with 127-mph winds, making it only the third Category Five storm to hit U.S. land. It killed more than 1,800 people and flooded more than 75 percent of the city.

Immediately, the Federal Emergency Management Agency rushed USACE civilians and contractors from around the world to the area. More than 2,000 USACE employees have deployed to as-

sist with the aftermath, and approximately 700 are still there.

“We have all come together and worked as a team,” Gilmore said.

By the official start of this year’s hurricane season on June 1, the USACE repaired damages to the New Orleans federal hurricane and flood protection system, specifically on the interim gated closure structures and pumps at three outfall canals.

The USACE has made other such improvements as unwatering the city, providing ice and water, removing debris,

building temporary roofing, building terraced walls and restoring the 12- to 17-foot levee system.

“We are completing and restoring the undamaged levees to originally authorized heights,” said Lt. Col. Stan Heath, USACE deputy public affairs officer. “The entire system will be restored to authorized levels of protection by September 2007.”

Other improvements still underway include the storm proofing of existing pump stations, armoring the levees, building crossable floodgates

to protect the industrial canal and restoring the ecosystem.

“We are working to have everyone prepared for the next hurricane,” said Gene Pawlik, USACE public affairs officer.

The USACE drafted a Louisiana Coastal Protection and Restoration Report to address Category Five hurricane protections and the time and costs involved. Already, \$2.1 billion has been used for repairing damages, and more is still needed for work on undamaged areas.

Growing up in New Or-

leans, Gilmore was always aware that a major hurricane could rip through the area. But he never anticipated it.

“It has brought new reality to life and how things can change in such a short amount of time,” Gilmore said.

Despite the difficult changes spurred by Katrina in New Orleans, it has inspired USACE employees to make the city once again feel like the “Big Easy.”

“These people are phenomenal and it has been a pleasure to work with them,” he said. “This has definitely been one of the highlights of my career.”

Wounded warriors continue serving

Sgt. 1st Class Krishna Gamble
Army News Service

WASHINGTON – The Army is opening doors for severely wounded Soldiers, allowing them to continue serving.

Representatives from 23 U.S. Army Training and Doctrine Command agencies offered more than 400 military and defense department jobs to men and women missing limbs and suffering from other injuries at a Wounded Warrior Job Fair at Walter Reed Army Medical Center June 2.

“We want them to know that they are wanted for continuous service in uniform or as a civilian,” said Lt. Gen. Robert Van Antwerp, commanding general of the U.S. Army Accessions Command and deputy commanding general of Initial Military Training, Fort Monroe, Va. “We’re giving people who want to serve the opportunity to continue to serve.”

More than 300 service members wounded in operations Iraqi Freedom and Enduring Freedom participated in the job fair while awaiting the final results of medical boards and surgical procedures.

Injuries ranging from fractures, broken bones and amputations to nerve damage have left many Soldiers concerned about what future career opportunities are available to them. The chance to transition to the civilian sector and still contribute to the Army appealed to some.

“There are a lot worse things out there than the military,” said Sgt. 1st Class Denis Viau, platoon sergeant, 1st Brigade, 25th Infantry Division Stryker Brigade Combat Team, Fort Lewis, Wash., whose right leg was amputated as a result of injuries he sustained from an IED in Iraq. “I think everybody should take this opportunity, even if they are not staying in the military.”

Others wanted to continue serving.

“I joined the military because I wanted a change of career, and I believe in what we were doing and I wanted to do my part,” said Sgt. Nathan Potts, a medic with 3rd Infantry Division, Fort Benning, Ga. “If I can find something that can facilitate me in a different field, I would like to stay; but if not, then I’ll go back to being a high school science teacher and football coach.”

Potts lost his right leg to amputation above the knee, also from injuries sustained from an IED in Iraq.

Senior enlisted advisors from Human Resources Command and installation com-

Job fairs planned to speed transitions

mand sergeants major from around the Army attended the job fair to help Soldiers get an assignment preference or move to another career field.

“We are offering supply positions, wheel-vehicle mechanics, food service and management skills for those who want to change (jobs), and we may even adjust the position so that it will fit with the environment,” said Command Sgt. Maj. Anthony Aubain, command sergeant major, U.S. Army Combined Arms Support Command and Fort Lee, Va.

The job fair resulted from a new program called CARES – Civilian Army

Recruitment of Exceptional Soldiers. TRADOC is the second major Army command

to incorporate the program, which is primarily geared toward service members who have received a 30-percent or higher disability due to injuries sustained in the Global War on Terrorism.

Additional job fairs will be held June 21 at WRAMC, Aug. 9 at Fort Gordon, Ga., and Sept. 19 at Fort Sam Houston, Texas.

For more details on the Wounded Warrior Program, go to www.aw2.army.mil or call (800) 237-1336.



Photo by Sgt. 1st Class Krishna Gamble

Maj. Elizabeth Smith, executive officer with the 6th Air Defense Artillery Brigade, Fort Bliss, Texas, talks to a Soldier about job opportunities during the Training and Doctrine Command Wounded Warrior Job Fair at Walter Reed Army Medical Center June 2.

Eye protection saves Soldier from injury

Sgt. 1st Class Steve Petibone
Army News Service

MOSUL, Iraq – The use of eye protection became a matter of life or death for 1st Lt. Anthony Aguilar while on a routine combat patrol last February.

As his company moved through Mosul, an unusually large improvised explosive device detonated and shot a bomb fragment into Aguilar’s glasses.

“The force of the blast was so powerful that it knocked me back into the Stryker vehicle,” said Aguilar, platoon leader, Company C, Task Force 2-1, 172nd Stryker Brigade Combat Team. “When I picked the glasses up and put them back on, I could feel the heat from the fragment near my eye.”

The blast caused considerable damage to a nearby house and cars parked along the street.

“As our company cordoned off the area, I kept the glasses on and continued with the mission,” said Aguilar.

Since Aguilar’s experience, Co. C Soldiers are quick to don their protective gear: the advanced combat helmet, eye pro-

tection, individual body armor with neck strap and Nomex gloves.

According to Aguilar, the day-to-day routine and de-

bris in the air wear down the lenses, but the unit’s supply section has ample replacements.

(Sgt. 1st Class Steve

Petibone writes for the 138th Mobile Public Affairs Detachment.)



Photo by Sgt. 1st Class Steve Petibone

1st Lt. Anthony Aguilar shows the eye protection that kept a bomb fragment from entering his eye during a routine patrol last February.

Running for shelter

Chaplain (CPT) Gary T. Fisher
447th Signal Battalion

Where do you turn when the world falls around you? Where do you turn when the bottom drops out of your life? What do you need when circumstances bust through the levies in your life and threaten to engulf your life with pain and confusion? You need shelter. A listener, someone who understands. What do you do when no one is there?

Where do you find encouragement?

I want to tell you of a man named David. Cornered and bruised by all types of adversity; struggling with all kinds of things, he wrote this in his journal:

*In You, O Lord, I have taken refuge;
Let me never be put to shame;
Deliver me in your righteousness.
Turn your ear to me,
come quickly to my rescue;
Be my rock of refuge,
A strong fortress to save me.*

(Psalm 31:1-2 NIV)

Failing in strength and wounded in his spirit, David cries out for the need of “refuge.”

The term “refuge” speaks of a protective place, a place of safety, security, and secrecy.

He tells the Lord that He – Jehovah – has become his refuge. It was in God he found encouragement.

Why do we need a refuge? Because the heavy weights of sorrow press down. Despair worms its way into our lives and steals our peace. People who are discouraged don’t need critics. They need encouragement. They need a refuge. A place to hide and to heal. A willing, caring, available someone. Can’t find one? Why not share the shelter that David found? The One called My Strength, Mighty Rock, Fortress, and Stronghold. David’s refuge never failed him. He never second-guessed his decision to drop his load and run for cover. Neither will you.

Training goes downtown

1st. Lt. Christine Moore
513th MI Brigade PAO

Soldiers took their training to the streets of downtown Augusta in an exercise called Ready Gator.

Company A 202nd Military Intelligence Battalion Soldiers set out on May 25 to practice their human intelligence gathering skills in the downtown Augusta area.

The liaison officer human intelligence collection team training is designed to put into practice lessons learned for use in conducting liaison missions. Meeting with local government officials and civilians provides a realistic training environment for the Soldiers to conduct interviews and gather information.

Soldiers from the 202nd used role playing with local officials including Deke Copenhaver, Augusta mayor, Sid Hatfield, deputy chief, officials from the county sheriff's office and officials from the Richmond County Marshal's Office.

Pfc. Chad Campbell said, "It was a good experience to meet people with high authority because it helped me to prepare for future deployments."

Spc. Fred Jones, team leader said "I was especially impressed by the mayor who caught on very quickly to the role he was playing and gave us Soldiers a taste of what it's like to talk to high ranking city officials."

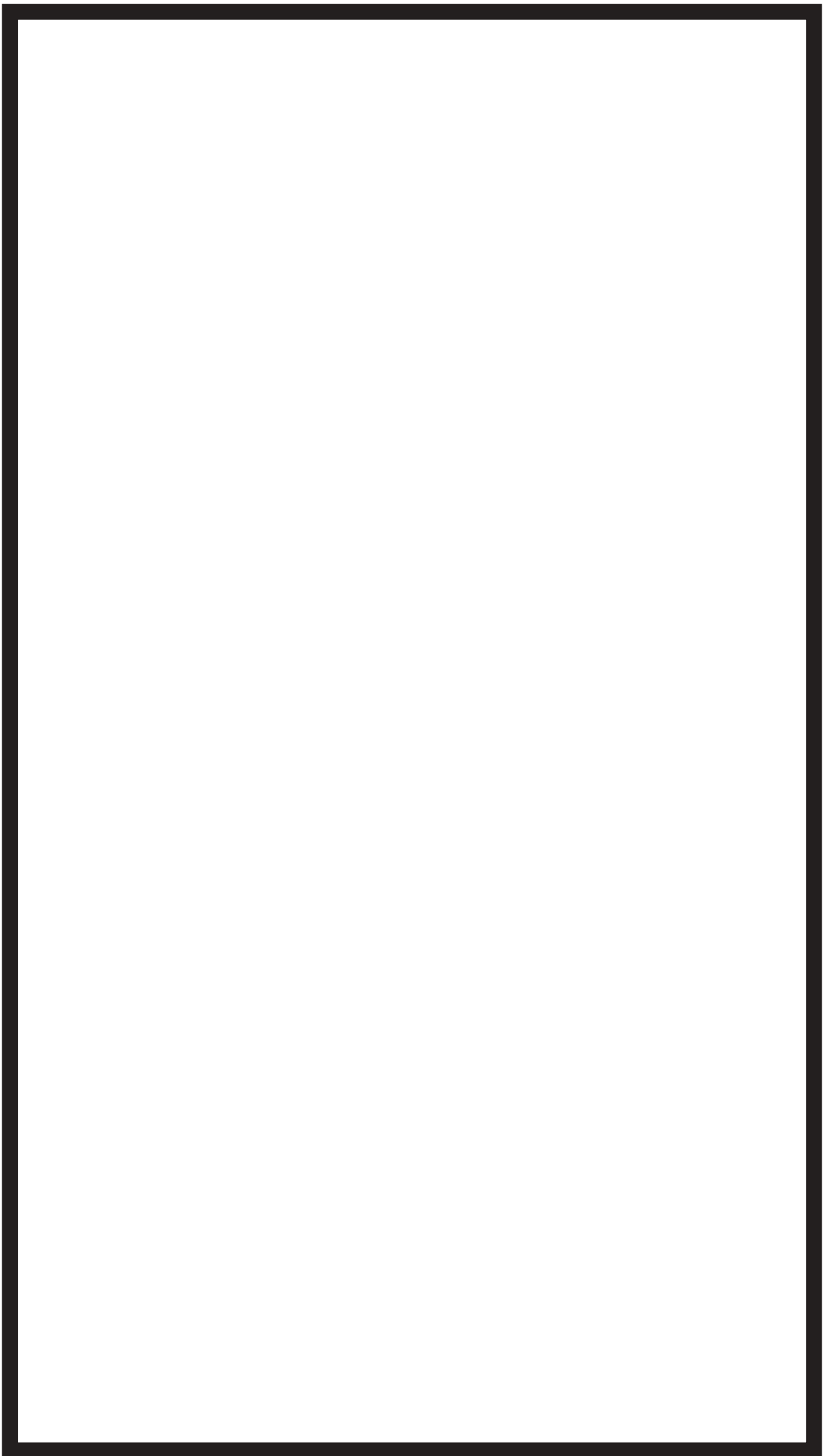
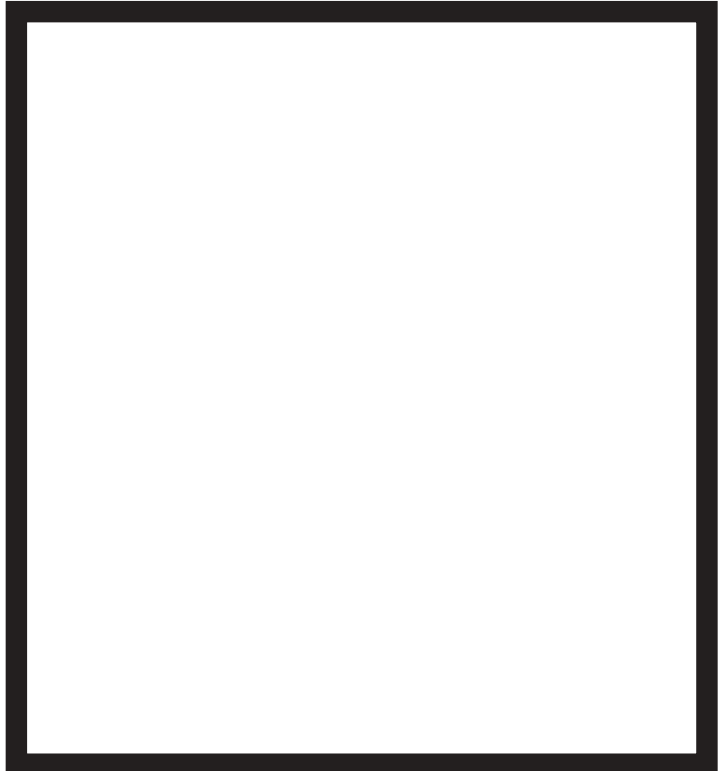
Exercises like Ready Gator are being used more frequently as planners seek to make Soldiers more proficient in the challenging missions they will face.

According to training organizers, Ready Gator provides the most realistic training environment possible for the Soldiers to conduct liaison with local government officials. Working with the actual local officials here, versus classroom role playing, ensures the most realistic atmosphere and environment for the training.



Photo by Chief Warrant Officer Mark Schuler

Capt. Teresa Dixon of the Richmond County Marshal's Office is questioned by Pfc. Chad Campbell, 202nd Military Intelligence Battalion, to gain intelligence during exercise Ready Gator in Augusta, recently.



Backyard chefs take center stage

Charmain Z. Brackett
Contributing writer

Some area men will be fighting it out on a culinary platform at the Gordon Club Saturday.

“We want to do something to honor the men and give them a chance to shine,” said Ayanna Wiggins of the Directorate of Morale, Welfare and Recreation of the first Men in Aprons Cook-Off, slated for 6 to 8 p.m.

More than 30 men have signed up to show off their abilities in cooking main dishes, meats, appetizers, desserts and soul food. Both amateur and professional chefs will be showcasing their talents.

Cooks who are professionals in other areas at Fort Gordon as well as men from off-post will be participating in the event.

“This is one more way to express to the community that Fort Gordon is for everyone. We welcome everybody and want to get rid of the misconception that you have to be military to enjoy Fort Gordon,” she said.

A \$10 ticket will allow patrons to sample these dishes

Soldier admits driving drunk, hitting train

A Fort Gordon Soldier pled guilty May 30 to charges of wrongful use of marijuana and driving his car into a moving train while drunk.

Pvt. John Howard, a vehicle mechanic with the 297th Military Intelligence Battalion, was sentenced by a military judge to a bad conduct discharge, confinement for 90 days, and reduction to E-1.

Howard said that he knowingly smoked marijuana on Feb. 24, 2006 at a friend’s house. He tested positive on a unit drug test on March 3, 2006.

The private also stated that he was drinking at an Augusta lounge on March 17, 2006. After consuming three shots and three to four mixed drinks, he got into his vehicle and was driving down Reynolds Street. At the train crossing, Howard did not yield, and hit the slow-moving train, totaling his car. His breathalyzer test showed a reading of 0.124. No one was injured in the collision.

Howard again tested positive for marijuana on May 1, 2006 while awaiting trial on the charges.

during the two-hour event.

The event will be held close to Father’s Day as a way of celebrating fathers.

“This is a morale builder,” said Lawrence Jackson, Gordon Club manager. “It’s something pre-Father’s Day to show our support.”

Jazz entertainment is also scheduled for the event, and door prizes will be given away to patrons.

While she can’t anticipate the size of the crowd, Wiggins said she hopes all who attend will have a good time, and she hopes that the event will become an annual one.

For more information, call (706) 791-7862 or visit www.fortgordon.com.



Photo by Sgt. Daniel Ramos

Change of responsibility

Col. David King, 513th Military Intelligence Brigade commander passes the colors to incoming Command Sgt. Maj. Lloyd Thornton recently at the change of responsibility ceremony on Barton Field here.

4th ID mechanics restore old abandoned vehicles

Spc. Lee Elder
Army News Service

MUQDADIYAH, Iraq – What began as a way to alleviate mechanics’ boredom between jobs has turned into a chance to enhance the combat capabilities of the fledgling Iraqi Army in northern Iraq.

Mechanics supporting the 4th Infantry Division’s A Battery, 3rd Battalion, 29th Field Artillery, part of Task Force Band of Brothers, have used their downtime to restore both American and Russian-made vehicles for use by the Iraqi army.

The rebuilt vehicles were salvaged from a lot on Forward Operating Base Normandy called the “bone yard,” where many of the vehicles had been abandoned since the end of the Iran-Iraq War in 1988.

“We were bored,” said Sgt. Michael Mulalley, the maintenance shop foreman. “Not many people in the Army have even used a 109A6 howitzer – let alone worked on them – since they’ve been out of the Army system for 20 to 30 years.”

The American-made howitzers – basically artillery cannons mounted on tank bodies – were used by the Iranians during the eight-year conflict. Most were abandoned by the Iranians and captured by Iraqi forces, and many still bore Iranian markings.

Mulalley said once his team got the first vehicle running, there was an immediate demand for more by U.S. units wanting to better equip their Iraqi army counterparts.

“Once we were shown how to start one, we tinkered around with a couple of them, and got three of them running,” Mulalley said. “By the time we were done, we had 13 of the 113s (a self-propelled Russian anti-aircraft tank) and three 577s (armored command post carriers) going.”

One of mechanics’ biggest challenges was working without vehicle manuals.

“All of the work we did, we did looking at it from being a mechanic,” said Spc. Antonio Van Dyke, a turret mechanic. “We said, ‘This goes here’ and ‘This needs to be done.’”

With so many vehicles to choose from at the “bone yard”, not all could be fixed. The mechanics used a simple criterion for



Photo by Spc. Lee Elder

Spc. Derrick Parizek of the 4th Infantry Division’s 3rd Battalion, 29th Field Artillery, checks the air-filter drum in a vehicle rescued from the Forward Operating Base Normandy “bone yard.” Mechanics have repaired several American and Russian vehicles abandoned in the yard and helped put them back into use, serving the Iraqi army.

selecting vehicles to repair.

“We went through and picked out the ones that needed the least work,” said Pfc. Derrick Parizek, a light-wheeled vehicle mechanic. “We put some oil and antifreeze in them, and, if they turned over, we fixed them.”

Van Dyke and Parizek said they salvaged parts from other vehicles on the lot to make the repairs.

“Most everything we got for parts came from ‘bone yard,’” Van Dyke said.

Capt. Andrew A. Morrison praised the mechanics’ efforts.

“It takes a different breed of animal to do the work these guys do, and do it with a smile,” Morrison said. “Your performance in theatre has been extraordinary, and you are making the Iraqi army a more capable force.”

Mulalley said the rebuilt vehicles could be lifesavers for Iraqi Soldiers on patrol.

“If they can keep up on these and take them on patrol, it will save them a lot,” Mulalley said. “If they go out and hit an [improvised explosive device] with a 113, it will mess up the 113, but the worst they’re going to get is a headache.”

Before restoring more vehicles, the mechanics are helping keep the newly rejuvenated vehicles up and running.

“We’re teaching the Iraqi army to maintain its own vehicles,” Parizek said. “That way, when we do leave, they can maintain them themselves.”

“We are mainly focusing on teaching them, rather than doing the work ourselves now.”

(Spc. Lee Elder writes for the 133rd Mobile Public Affairs Detachment.)

Horse runs for wounded troops

Paul X. Rutz
American Forces Press Service

WASHINGTON – “Sweet Freedom,” a 2-year-old race-horse, has started off his racing career with a bang, doing his part to support America’s war wounded.

The young colt has raced twice so far, winning his second race by a nose. His owners are donating two-thirds of their winnings from races run at Hollywood Park racetrack in Inglewood, Calif., to “Freedom Is Not Free,” a nonprofit group that offers financial aid to wounded troops and their families.

“It’s about the guys and the gals that are out there,” co-owner Bruno De Julio said the day after the horse’s first win, June 1. “I know the guys don’t make a lot of money, but it’s their heart. ... It’s the same thing with racehorses. Sweet Freedom ran like a Marine yesterday. He had a mission and he accomplished it, no matter what, and he overcame adversity to do it too.”

De Julio has helped troop support groups before, such as the United Warriors Survivor Foundation, a group providing aid to the spouses of special operations troops killed in action.

The idea to race a horse and give the proceeds to charity came through a partnership between De Julio, trainer Shane Chipman, and John Brocklebank, who bought Sweet Freedom.

In March, they connected with Carl Frank, president of Freedom Is Not Free, and of-

fered to give 66 percent of their winnings to the charity. In his first start, Sweet Freedom earned over \$2,000 for wounded veterans.

is thrilled to have this kind of sponsorship. His group, based in San Diego, works closely with other nonprofit groups, military hospitals in the area,

anything like that.”

Marine Lt. Col. David Coffman and Marine Capt. Steve Mount, two helicopter pilots, were both wounded in Iraq in 2004.

Since the two Marine officers were wounded and went through their rehabilitation in the last two years, Frank said, “They were pretty fresh on what the troops needed,” and that perspective has helped the group offer effective help.

For both of Sweet Freedom’s races, the group sent wounded Marines from Camp Pendleton, Calif., to cheer the horse on. “They get to sit in the owner’s box, and they get to go down to the paddock and meet the jockey and the trainer before the race,” Frank said. “They really enjoy it, and of course the race fans love it too because these guys are in their uniform, and they get a big hand.”

Frank said the nation could always do better, and that’s where his group fits in. “Unfortunately, there are still a lot of situations where things just fall through the cracks. There are people who have needs that are not being addressed,” he said.



Courtesy photo

Marines from Camp Pendleton, Calif., pose with horse owner Bruno De Julio and his horse, Sweet Freedom, in the background at Hollywood Park racetrack in Inglewood, Calif., May 18. Sweet Freedom, a 2-year-old colt, is racing to support wounded troops through Freedom Is Not Free.

“My portion of the horse will be for charity, for Freedom Is Not Free, for the combat wounded and the families of the less fortunate ones who have lost a loved one in the war on terror,” De Julio said.

De Julio said he would like to sponsor a new charity each year with a new young horse, which is an expensive undertaking. It costs about \$3,000 per month to keep a racehorse training – not including veterinarian bills, paying the jockey and other expenses, he said.

Frank said his organization

and “America Supports You,” a Defense Department program highlighting grassroots and corporate support for the nation’s servicemembers and their families.

“(The Purple Heart Advisory Board) will submit a list to us of wounded troops that are in their area and what their wound is...and why they need some additional help,” he said. “Then we will get that out, and if we award the grant, we stipulate to them that the funds all have to go directly to that troop. None of it goes to overhead or

Movie transforms air base

Arlan Ponder
49th Fighter Wing Public Affairs

HOLLOMAN AIR FORCE BASE, N.M. — What do the Air Force's first stealth fighter, a toy that has been around since the 1980s, and a director who loves big-budget, special effects-driven movies all have in common? The answer is the DreamWorks project, "Transformers," being filmed here.

On May 19, Col. David Moore, 49th Fighter Wing commander, along with representatives from the Department of Defense, Air Force public affairs and Otero County, officially announced pre-production work was being completed with filming to begin within a few days.

"We have been working in collaboration with DreamWorks studios over the last two months preparing to support them in filming a major Hollywood motion picture at Holloman," Colonel Moore said. "We have been anxious to talk about what we're doing. We're happy to finally have the opportunity to discuss the movie publicly."

Had it not been for several factors, such as the look of the base and surrounding terrain,



Photo courtesy AFPN

A makeup artist glues a mustache on Capt. Brian Reece on the set of the movie "Transformers" at Holloman Air Force Base, N.M., on May 31, 2006. The movie is scheduled for release in June 2007. Captain Reece is with the 58th Special Operations Wing at Kirtland AFB, N.M.

the tax-credit New Mexico offers movie-makers and the base's proximity to the White Sands Missile Range, the announcement never would have taken place.

"The production sent location scouts to seven Air Force bases and several Army installations," said 1st Lt. Christian Hodge, chief of industry relations for the Secretary of the Air Force Public Affairs entertainment liaison. "There have been several challenges, but Team Holloman has come through in a big way."

The professionalism of Airmen at Holloman also came into play, Lieutenant Hodge said, not to mention one special item: the only operational F-117 wing. The proximity of the CV-22 Osprey at Kirtland Air Force Base in Albuquerque was also a plus because the film will feature both aircraft.

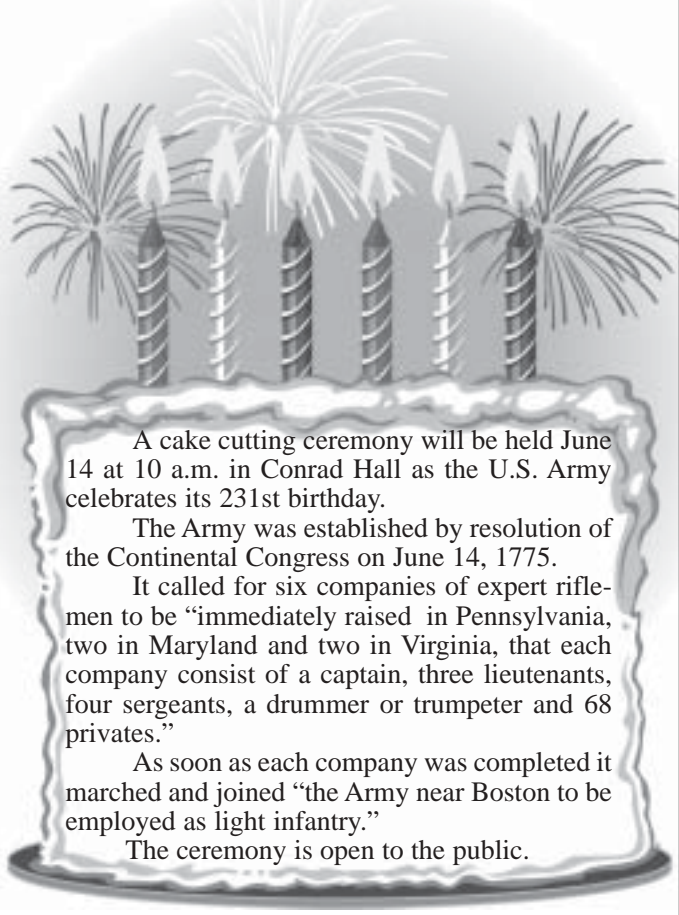
"The F-117s will be pictured prominently in the movie, both as static background and taxiing aircraft," said Lieutenant Hodge, who has been a fan of Transformers since he was a child. "The CV-22 Osprey is scheduled to make its feature film debut in this movie, along with the F-22 Raptor."

Also featured in the film will be the A-10 Thunderbolt II, AC-130 and C-130 Hercules, C-17 Globemaster III, MH-53 Pave Low, HH-60 Pave Hawk, MQ-1 Predator unmanned aerial vehicle and Air Force One. The filming of the F-22, C-17, Predator and Air Force One will be done at another location.

Although the rumor mill was working overtime since a casting call seeking extras was issued in March, mum has been the official word. Representatives close to the film have been in the area for several months coordinating the efforts to get more than 300 crew members here and several sets built. Until May 19 the specifics of the project had

only been rumor. This project is the largest movie since "Black Hawk Down" to receive DOD approval. Each year the Pentagon receives numerous requests to film the armed forces in action, however, selection is based on how accurately the forces will be portrayed. Military image is important, according to Lt. Col. Paul Sinor, lead at DOD public affairs.

Celebrating 231 years



A cake cutting ceremony will be held June 14 at 10 a.m. in Conrad Hall as the U.S. Army celebrates its 231st birthday.

The Army was established by resolution of the Continental Congress on June 14, 1775.

It called for six companies of expert riflemen to be "immediately raised in Pennsylvania, two in Maryland and two in Virginia, that each company consist of a captain, three lieutenants, four sergeants, a drummer or trumpeter and 68 privates."

As soon as each company was completed it marched and joined "the Army near Boston to be employed as light infantry."

The ceremony is open to the public.

Sports

Sports UPDATE

Step aerobics

Gym 3 now has step aerobics from 11:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. Monday to Friday.

The class is open to all authorized users with ID card and over 16 years of age.

For more information, call (706) 791-2864.

Sports camps

Fort Gordon Child and Youth Services is holding Specialty Sports Camps now through **Aug. 11**. Camps include soccer, baseball, fishing golf and multi-sports.

The cost is \$20 per week and children must be registered through CYS central registration.

For more information, call (706) 791-7575 or visit www.fortgordon.com.

Horse camp

Hilltop Riding Stable is holding youth horse camps through **Aug. 4** from 7 a.m.-4:30 p.m. daily.

The camp is open to the public ages 7-13. For more information, go to www.fortgordon.com or call (706) 791-4864.

Soccer tryouts

Columbia County Patriots Select Soccer tryouts for ages 13-19 will be **Monday to June 19**. All tryouts will be held at Patriots Park beginning at 6:30 p.m. weekdays and 10 a.m. on Saturday.

All competitive players from Fort Gordon and CSRA are welcome. Tryouts are free.

For information, call Phil Sines at (706) 860-1148 or Andrew Hammer (706) 399-0480 or go to www.patriotssoccer.org.

Volleyball camp

Augusta Prep's fourth annual volleyball camp is **Monday to Friday**. There are two sessions for middle school (9 a.m.-noon) and high school (1-4 p.m.)

Cost is \$100 and includes a T-shirt. For details, call (706) 863-1906 ext. 361 or e-mail richb@augustaprep.org.

Hooah race

The fifth annual Army "HOOAH" 5K and 10K Road Races is **Saturday** in Atlanta.

The 10K begins at the Georgia International Convention Center; the 5K begins at the East Point Library. Both races finish at Fort McPherson in Atlanta.

For information, go to www.armyhooahrace.army.mil.

Paintball course

The paintball course behind The Courtyard is open 3 p.m. Friday, 10 a.m. Saturday and 1 p.m. Sunday, each day until dark.

Group rates available; call (706) 228-5540 for more information.

Go-kart track open

The Fort Gordon Go-Kart Track is now open behind The Courtyard.

Go-kart hours are 4-9 p.m. Fridays, 12-9 p.m. Saturdays and 1-7 p.m. Sundays. The cost is \$5 each ride.

For information, call (706) 791-5078.



Photo by Bonnie Heater

New workout

Pvt. Christopher Ihde, Co. C, 447th Signal Battalion, works out on a new Precor Elliptical Fitness Crosstrainer at Gym 5. The crosstrainer is one of four cross trainers and seven treadmills recently purchased through the Cardio Bulk Buy Program sponsored by the Community and Family Support Center here. Gyms 3 and 6 also received new equipment.

Army race drivers celebrate birthday

Army News Service

JOLIET, Ill. – U.S. Army NHRA drivers Tony “The Sarge” Schumacher, Angelle Sampey and Antron Brown will all be looking to hand their sponsor the perfect birthday gift – a win – this weekend when they take to Route 66 Raceway for the CARQUEST Auto Parts Nationals at Joliet, Ill.

While victories have come with frequency for both Sampey and Brown over the first third of the season, Schumacher heads for his hometown race having not yet earned a trip to victory lane in 2006 after totaling 19 wins the last two seasons.

TOP FUEL
Schumacher, a three-time NHRA POWERade Top Fuel world champion, has not made it to the semifinal round since the Bristol, Tenn. race in late April.

He’s hoping a little home cooking will finally turn the tide.

“That would be great,” he offered. “It’s certainly been frustrating so far this year. If you would’ve told me at the beginning of the season that we would not have any wins at this point, I would have said that you were crazy.”

Entering the CARQUEST Auto Parts Nationals eighth in the Top Fuel standings,

Schumacher knows he and his team need to establish consistency soon if they are to make a move in the points.

“We have to get it done in qualifying and on race day,” he added. “We need to get down the quarter-mile each and every time. There’s no room for error anymore.”

PRO STOCK MOTORCYCLES
While Schumacher has struggled, Sampey and Brown have been on the opposite end of the performance spectrum.

Sampey, a three-time world champion, has three wins to her credit after the opening four events. Brown claimed the one other race.

“The U.S. Army team has definitely put together an incredible start to the season,” said Sampey, who leads the points. “Life is real good for us right now.”

But, we can’t sit back and admire what we’ve done. We have to keep charging forward.”

Brown, who holds third-place in the standings, 74 points behind Sampey, is primed for a return trip to winner’s circle.

“I’ve had a real good U.S. Army Suzuki all year, so there’s no reason to think I can’t win in Joliet and get back up there to challenge Angelle for the lead,” he said. “Our goal remains the same – Angelle and I want to be the only ones fighting it out for the title.”

Shooting team to compete in championships

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FORT BENNING, Ga. – Six shooters from the U.S. Army Marksmanship Unit, as well as one from the Army Reserve and one from the Navy, will represent the U.S. at the 41st Conseil International du Sport Militaire in Rena, Norway, June 21-28.

Team USA will compete against hundreds of shooters from dozens of countries in the World’s Military Shooting Championships.

The U.S. Team shooters are: Men’s Rifle Team – Lt. Col. Robert E. Harbison, Maj. Michael E. Anti, Sgt. 1st Class Thomas A. Tamas and Sgt. Shane M. Barnhart; and Men’s Pistol Team – Navy Cmdr. Thomas White of the Navy Department in Washington, D.C., Sgt. 1st Class Daryl L. Szarenski, Staff Sgt. John C. Ennis and Army Reserve Staff Sgt. James Henderson of Festus, Mo.

Anti, who won the silver medal in three-position rifle at the 2004 Olympics in Athens, Greece, said he is excited about his first time competing at CISM.

“This is a very important match for the unit. It’s one of the few times we ever get to compete as a team, so it’s an opportunity for us to shine as a team,” Anti said. “We’re sending a competitive team, but we’ll be competing against other Olympians and some of the best shooters in the world. The competition is pretty tough; it’s one of the hardest to win, so it will be an interesting match.”

Harbison, Tamas and Szarenski are also Olympians. Harbison competed in the 1996 Olympics, Tamas in the 2000 Games and Szarenski in 2004 and 2000. Barnhart is the 2005 NRA National Three-Position Rifle Champion, Ennis is the 2005 NRA Center Fire National Champion and Henderson is the Army Reserve Na-

tional Pistol Champion.

Accompanying the U.S. Shooting Team will be the chief of mission Air Force Col. Joe Chang of Strategic Command, Nebraska; team captain Michael Behnke; rifle coach Frank Briggs; pistol coach Ray Arredondo; and gunsmith Glenn Sulser of the Army Marksmanship Unit, as well as Harry Allen of Littleton, Colo., who will be a jury member.

The CISM Shooting Championships consist of men’s and women’s rifle and pistol competitions. The rifle shooters compete with standard rifles at 300-meters in the prone, kneeling and standing positions in both rapid- and slow-fire matches. The pistol team will compete in the Center Fire and Military Rapid Fire Championships.

Only the men’s teams’ scores count in the overall “Best Nation” awards; the women’s teams only compete for their own individual and team awards.

The U.S. Men’s Rifle and Pistol



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A Soldier of the U.S. Army Marksmanship Unit prepares to fire at an international shooting competition in 2005.

Teams are expected to compete against more than 500 shooters from 30 other countries.

(Paula J. Randall Pagán writes for the U.S. Army Marksmanship Unit, Accessions Support Brigade.)

Air Force Academy javelin star adds to her trophy shelf



Photo courtesy Air Force Print News

Dana Pounds, a 2006 graduate of the U.S. Air Force Academy, was named the Female Field Event Athlete of the Year for the Mountain Region June 1.

Air Force Print News

METAIRIE, La. – A 2006 U.S. Air Force Academy graduate was named the Female Field Event Athlete of the Year for the Mountain Region, officials from the U.S. Track and Field and Cross Country Coaches Association announced June 1.

Dana Pounds, a newly commissioned second lieutenant, will look to defend her national title at the NCAA Championships next week.

The USTFCCCA awarded six winners from each of the

nine regional districts. These 18 coaches and 36 athletes were nominated by Division I coaches, who also voted on the winners.

Recording distances of more than 170 feet at every meet this season, Pounds has continued to rewrite history.

Most recently, she set a new NCAA Midwest Regional record javelin throw of 186 feet, 10 inches, to win her second straight regional title.

Before the regional meet, she blasted the Academy, Mountain West Conference and MWC Championship-

meet records with a toss of 195 feet, 8 inches, winning her third straight conference title.

The throw, which is the best throw in the NCAA this season, matches the best collegiate throw ever by an American and is the second-best toss by anyone in the country this year.

In addition, Pounds became the first three-time javelin champion in the history of the Drake Relays, tossing the second-best mark ever at Drake (178 feet, 10 inches) – a throw just shy of her own record.

Unit level softball standings

As of May 25

Teams	W	L	Teams	W	L	Teams	W	L	Teams	W	L
Red Division			White Division			Blue Division			Women's Division		
Co. A, 442nd Sig. Bn.	5	0	Navy IOC	6	0	HQ&A, 73rd Ord. Bn.	2	1	EAMC	5	0
Co. A, 63rd Sig. Bn.	2	0	DENTAC	2	1	Co. B, 447th Sig. Bn.	2	1	31st Intel Squadron	4	1
Marines Det.	3	1	297	3	3	Co. D, 369th Sig. Bn.	2	1	Co. C, 447th Sig. Bn.	1	4
CID/SJA	2	1	HHC, 67th Sig. Bn.	3	3	202nd Sig. Co.	2	1	Navy IOC	0	5
COBRA	2	1	HQ&A, 551st Sig. Bn.	1	1	Co. A, 369th Sig. Bn.	3	2	Morning Division		
31st Intel Squadron	2	1	235th	1	1	Co. C, 447th Sig. Bn.	3	2	Co. C, 73rd Ord. Bn.	3	0
249th Gen. Hosp.	1	2	35th MP Det.	2	3	206th Mil. Int. Bn.	2	2	Co. B, 447th Sig. Bn.	3	1
Co. B, 67th Sig. Bn.	1	3	Co. A, 447th Sig. Bn.	1	2	347th	2	3	Co. C, 447th Sig. Bn.	0	5
RNCOA	1	4	31st Intel Squadron	1	3	Co. C, 73rd Ord. Bn.	1	2			
338th TRS	0	4	Task Force 201st	0	2	Co. B, 73rd Ord. Bn.	0	4			

Spectrum



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A unit rich in history performs on post

Tammy Moehlman
Special to the Signal

With precise steps and practiced movements, a renowned group of Soldiers marched on to Freedom Park Friday afternoon for a show rich in history and skill.

Parading in uniforms modeled after those worn by musicians in Gen. George Washington's Continental Army, they are a unique sight to behold.

It is with the direction of their drum major, Master Sgt. Glen Patton, that these performers from the U.S. Army's 3rd Infantry 'Old Guard' Fife and Drum Corps entertained a crowd young and old.

"I really enjoyed it and it's the first time that I have seen anything like it other than seeing it on television or hearing about it on the news. This is a lifetime experience for me," remarked Gale Walker, local resident who brought her young neighbor, Quabillah Collins, 8, to enjoy the performance with her.

"I think that it was very nice...and I like their red coats. Because they're very pretty and I like red," said Collins, as she asked the musicians for autographs after the performance. As much as she enjoyed the performance, she did take issue with one part of the performers' garb.

"I think it was kind of funny because they wear wigs," added Collins as she wrinkled up her nose and shook her head side to side.

In her opinion they looked better without the white wigs.

These white wigs are just one thing that makes this Army unit different than most.

"We don't have a support staff. We have three people and it's their job to take care of our wigs," commented Staff Sgt. Patrick Richard, a bugle section leader, who has been with the corps for three years. "I can't think of any other Army unit that has wig maintenance people."

The Fife and Drum Corps' uniforms are comprised of black tricorn hats, white wigs, waistcoats, colonial coveralls, and red regimental coats made of wool.

"We wear wool, double layer on top...sometimes in the summer it gets pretty warm," explained Patton, who has been a drum major for the last six years of his 19 years in the corps.

In uniform, Patton is distinguished from the rest of the corps by his light-infantry cap. He is also unique in that unlike modern Army band drum majors who carry a standard mace,

he carries the spontoon, an 18th century weapon carried by officers.

This unique group is the official representative of the U.S. Army who performs an average of 2,000 concerts a year. They have performed in every Presidential Inaugural Parade since 1961 and also perform at all armed forces arrival ceremonies for visiting dignitaries and heads of state at the White House. Their melodies are a tribute to the Continental Army and our nation's history.

"The kids usually say something like, the British are coming, the British are coming, and they really don't understand the red coats and the function of the musicians in the era," described Richard about the crowds' reactions at performances. "The best response is seeing some of the older guys; like when we played for the opening of the World War II memorial for the vets. It means a lot to them to see us in uniform.

We're all about showing pride in our heritage. Especially when you have served and you have sacrificed that can really mean a lot to people. So when you see people like that it really makes you appreciate what you are doing."

Here at Fort Gordon the professionalism and skill of the Old Guard Fife and Drum Corps impressed the audience that gathered for the performance.

"We always love the tremendous tradition the Old Guard Fife and Drum Corps brings to any performance they give; it's always a privilege to watch them," said Marcia Bouchard, wife of the deputy commanding general, U.S. Army Signal Center and Fort Gordon, who attended the show with her son, Michael.

"It was nice. I enjoyed seeing the single-valve bugles and how they play," added Michael.

The corps held several more performances in the area over the weekend. Their appearances included a performance Friday night at the Augusta Common on Reynolds Street and performances on Saturday at the Living History Park in North Augusta, the 225th Anniversary of the Battle of Augusta in downtown Augusta and finished up with a show at the Green Jackets' baseball game in the evening at Lake Olmstead Stadium.



The Old Guard Fife and Drum Corps performs for a crowd Friday at Freedom Park (above), Fort Gordon, and the Augusta Common (bottom left) on Reynolds Street. They performed at the Living History Park in North Augusta, the 225th Anniversary of the Battle of Augusta in downtown Augusta and at the Green Jackets' baseball game at Lake Olmstead Stadium (bottom right) on Saturday.



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Throughout History



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1961 Presidential Inaugural



1970 White House



1980 Olympics



1989 Presidential Farewell



2000 Pentagon Arrival



2004 WWII Memorial Opening



2006 Fort Gordon